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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: K. SERIZAWA

For:
METHOD, APPARATUS AND PROGRAM FOR ALLOCATING
STORAGE AREA TO VIRTUAL VOLUME

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 10 Sheets of Drawings
- ☐ This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.
- ☒ Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2002-330323
filed November 14, 2002. ☒ A certified copy is attached herewith.
- ☒ Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and
☒ discussed in the specification or ☒ attached Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.
- ☒ Specification: Abstract X, Description 29 pages; and 19 claim(s).
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Executed Declaration.

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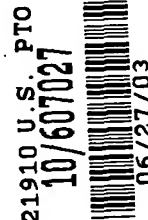
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